IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Werner HAFLIGER

: Mail Stop: PCT

Serial No. NEW

Attorney Docket No. 2004_1603A

Filed October 15, 2004

DEVICE FOR EVACUATING PEOPLE FROM A BUILDING [Corresponding to PCT/EP03/03005 Filed March 22, 2003]

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows: